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April 19, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Bryant Acquisition, Los Cerritos Wetlands

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing you to encourage the Conservancy to approve the proposed acquisition of the 68 acres of the Bryant Property in the city of Long Beach.

This property is part of the former Los Cerritos Wetlands and includes a portion of the Lower San Gabriel River. The Los Cerritos Wetlands is one of the largest wetland restoration opportunities in southern California. These wetlands are the last privately held coastal wetlands identified for acquisition in the Wetland Recovery Project Regional Strategy and different entities have tried to acquire these properties for more than twenty years. The proposed project offers a critical opportunity to finally acquire 68 acres at the center of the wetlands and begin restoration. Please feel free to contact me if I may provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Alan Lowenthal in cursive script.

ALAN LOWENTHAL
Senator, 27th District

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cc: Mary Small
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway #1100
Oakland, CA 94612

REPRESENTING THE CITIES OF THE 27TH SENATE DISTRICT
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NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) expends considerable resources to conserve and restore coastal habitat important for sustainable fisheries and a healthy ecosystem. NMFS believes the Los Cerritos Wetlands provide a significant restoration opportunity that would ultimately benefit both the State of California and NMFS' trust resources. The acquisition is an important step in realizing this greater restoration goal. For this reason, I encourage the Conservancy to approve the proposed acquisition of the 68 acres of the Bryant Property in the city of Long Beach.

Thank you for considering our comments. If you have any questions related to our interest in this restoration opportunity, please feel free to contact Bryant Chesney at (562) 980-4037.

Sincerely,

Rodney R. McInnis
Regional Administrator

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Oakland, CA 94612

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I am writing you to encourage the Coastal Conservancy to approve the proposed acquisition of the 68 acres of the Bryant Property in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles.

This property is part of the former Los Cerritos Wetlands and includes a portion of the Lower San Gabriel River. This site is one of the last privately held coastal wetlands identified for acquisition in the Wetland Recovery Project Regional Strategy. The proposed project offers a critical opportunity to finally acquire 68 acres, increase public open space and restore important coastal wetlands. I hope that the Coastal Conservancy will approve this project and we can count on your support.

Sincerely,

Frank A. Colonna
Councilmember, Third District

cc: Mary Small, Coastal Conservancy

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**CALIFORNIA EARTH CORPS
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April 11, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Bryant Acquisition, Los Cerritos Wetlands

Dear Chairman Bosco:

California Earth Corps strongly urges the California Coastal Conservancy to approve the proposed acquisition of the 68 acres of the Bryant Property in the city of Long Beach.

This property is the key parcel required for the restoration of the estuary of the San Gabriel River as it includes both sides and the bed of the River itself. If you are going to restore an estuary, you must start at the River. Acquisition of this parcel is necessary to provide a direct connection and clean seawater to the 10 acre parcel already acquired from Hellman Ranch, allowing planning and eventual restoration of full tidal flushing to the Orange County portion of the former Los Cerritos Wetlands.

Restoration of the Los Cerritos Estuary was ranked the top priority and Signature Project of the Wetlands Recovery Project at its' formation and has been a Coastal Conservancy Tier I priority ever since, but restoration has been stalled for all these decades despite the diligence, perserverance and focused attention of Conservancy Staff and Trust for Public Land. Those difficulties have at last been overcome, and, with the formation of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority and the Bryant Property, planning and restoration may now begin.

The Los Cerritos Wetlands complex presents one of the largest wetland restoration opportunities in southern California and one of only three estuaries of major river systems on the entire southern California bight potentially available for restoration. These wetlands are the last privately held coastal wetlands identified for acquisition in the Wetland Recovery Project Regional Strategy and different entities have worked to acquire these properties since the early 1960s. The proposed project offers a critical opportunity to finally acquire 68 acres at the center of the wetlands and begin restoration.

I encourage you to approve the proposed acquisition. Thank you for attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

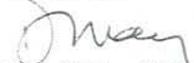

Don May, President
California Earth Corps

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**Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust
PO Box 30165
Long Beach, CA 90853**

April 6, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Bryant Acquisition, Los Cerritos Wetlands

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust urges the Coastal Conservancy to approve the proposed acquisition of the 68 acres of the Bryant Property in the city of Long Beach.

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Sincerely,


Ann Cantrell, Secretary
Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust

cc: Mary Small, Coastal Conservancy

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Paul Yost, MD

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